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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PARTICIPATION IN SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETING

1. AMBASSADOR MC HENRY RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL ON JULY 22 FROM KIRKPATRICK OF NNF IN WINDHOEK. KIRKPATRICK SAID THAT NNF IS CONSIDERING SENDING A DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA. ASKED FOR HIS ADVICE, MC HENRY EXPLAINED PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN NNF SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. FOLLOWING UP ON THAT CONVERSATION, BUT WITHOUT SUGGESTING THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER THEM, YOU SHOULD PROMPTLY CONTACT KIRKPATRICK AND SPELL OUT THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO NNF (OR ANY OTHER
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NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PARTY):

(A) NNF COULD SEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. THIS INEVITABLY, HOWEVER, WOULD GENERATE CONTROVERSY AND COULD DISTRACT THE SECURITY COUNCIL FROM ITS MAIN TASK WHICH IS ADOPTING A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL. FOR THAT REASON, AND WHILE

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NNF HAS EVERY RIGHT TO ASK TO PARTICIPATE, WE WOULD COUNSEL

THEM AGAINST DOING SO.

(B) SEND A DELEGATION TO NEW YORK AND MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS BUT NOT SEEK TO PARTICIPATE. THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO A VARIETY OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS AT THE UN. WE SEE NO BARRIER TO THEIR ACTING ON THIS OPTION.

(C) SEND A TELEGRAM TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAM BARTON OF CANADA, AS PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. (THE TELEGRAM COULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE CANADIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK, 866 UN PLAZA, SUITE 250, NEW YORK, NY 10017.) THE TELEGRAM COULD EXPRESS THE NNF'S SUPPORT FOR CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL, URGE ITS ADOPTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND EXPRESS THE NNF'S FULL WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. THE TELEGRAM COULD ASK AMBASSADOR BARTON, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, TO MAKE THE NNF'S POSITION KNOWN TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THIS OPTION IS COMPATIBLE WITH OPTION B, AND WE URGE THAT THE NNF CONSIDER IT SERIOUSLY.

3. PLEASE APPRISE US OF NNF'S PLANS AND THOSE OF ANY OTHER POLITICAL GROUPING WITH RESPECT TO FORTHCOMING
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